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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether in a meeting organised jointly by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Industrial Development Finance Corporation during December, 2000 tariff fixation, licensing and rationalising user charges through direct subsidisation were discussed;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) The details of other points discussed in the meeting;

(d) whether the Government have considered the recommendations made in the meeting; and

(e) if so, the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a),(b)&(c) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) had organizedin December 2000, an annual event called Infranet 2000, which was a Conference cum Exhibition on infrastructure and which brought together all the key players in infrastructure. Attempts were made to cover all sectors of importance. Among other things, issues like tariff fixation, licensing and rationalising user charges were also discussed.

(d) & (e) Suggestions made by various organisations are kept in view by the Government while formulating appropriate economic policies. However, rationalization of taxes and tariffs is an important element of the ongoing fiscal reforms by the Government.